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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Tomoo Kimura et al.

Serial No.: 09/964,515

Filed: September 28, 2001

For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure**

: Customer Number: 20277

: Customer Number: 2527

: Group Art Unit: 2825

: Examiner: Annette M. THOMPSON

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 19, 2006 (Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows: